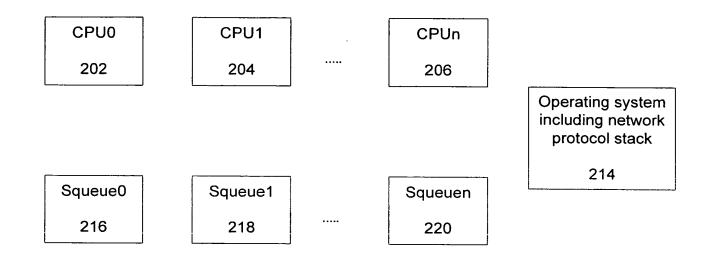
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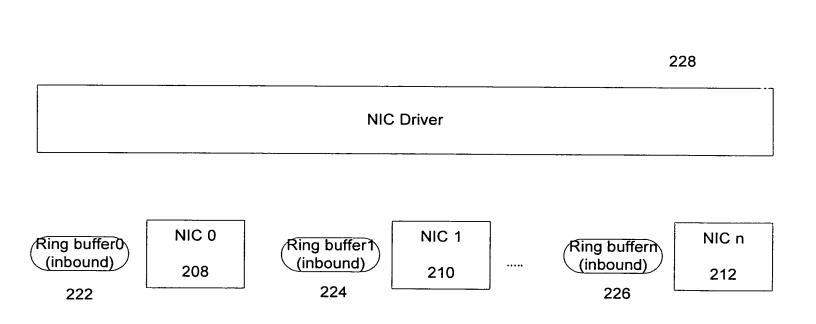


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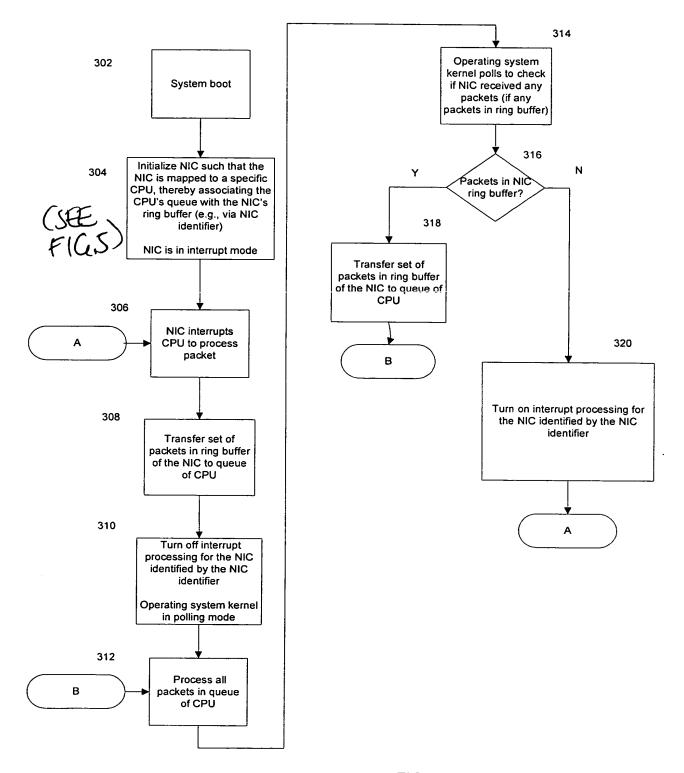
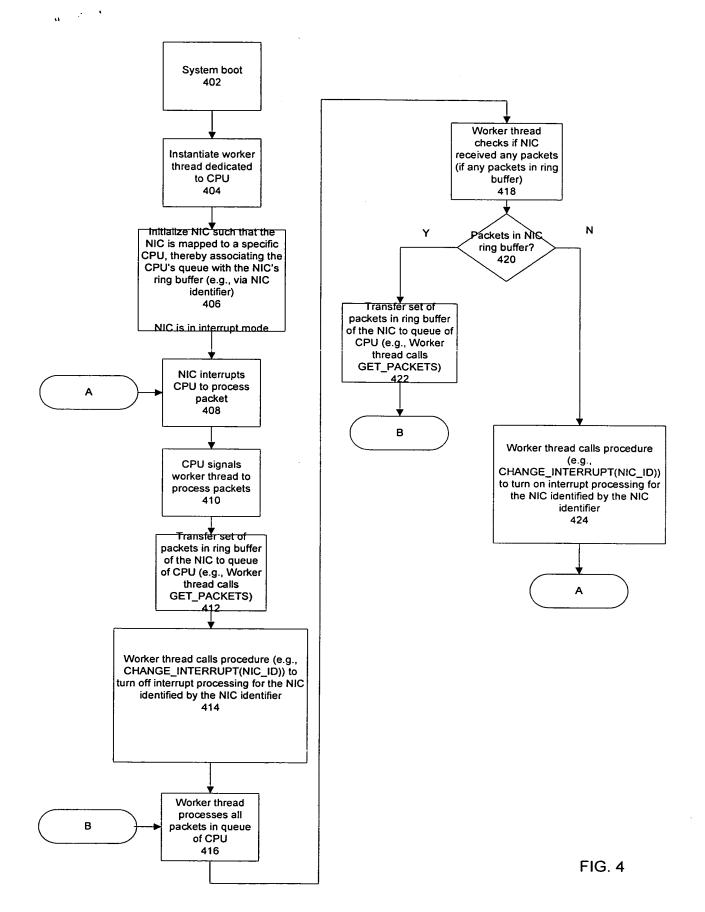


FIG. 3



C 304 NIC identifier is allocated 502 NIC identifier is assigned to NIC and associated ring buffer NIC identifier is assigned to CPU and its associated queue NIC identifier is provided to network protocol stack of operating system kernel 508

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FIG. 5

Turn on interrupt processing such that NIC is in interrupt mode

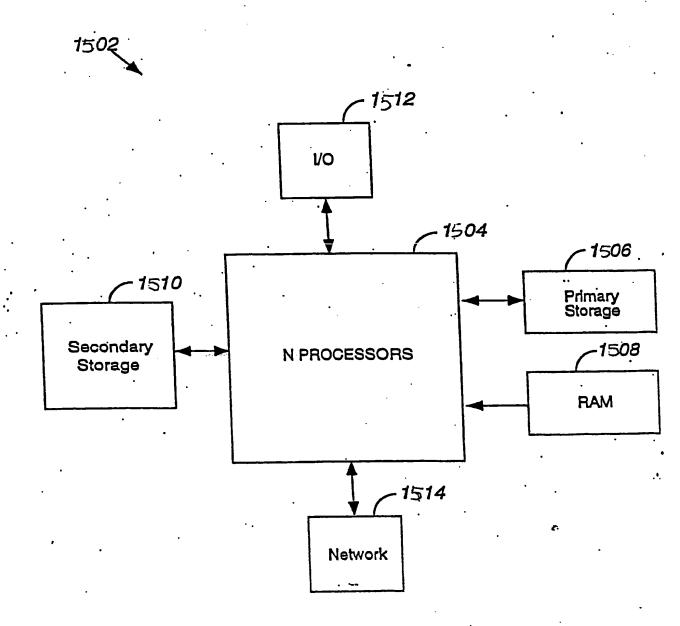


Figure 6